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Illinois Bi-Centennial Information Meeting & Request for Funds

Applications for matching funds were made in regards to 2nd floor museum building space. As recently mentioned by the Bi-Centennial Commission of Illinois, any agency, governmental or otherwise, can make requests for these funds allocated and dispersed for 1975. Your officers did this. Your officers also attended meetings to become and keep aware of progress towards creating a county bi-centennial commission to coordinate celebrations within the county during the celebration period.
This commission has now been created with Ed Hall, County Sup't of Schools, as temporary chairman and Bill Tammens as temporary secretary. If you are historically minded and wish to serve on this commission contact them at the County School Superintendent's office. Phone 338-2040 or 338-2770.

Acquisitions

Marble mantil pieces, left at museum office - donor please identify.
Copy of Woodstock Sentinel dated Wed. September 27, 1865. Sent by: Northern Indiana Historical Society. Copy contains speech of President Andrew Johnson as well as business directory noting how many businesses changed hands.
Wicker oval washbasket, circa 1900. Also fossil identified by McHenry County Conservation personnel as a cyclopod. Both items donated by Robert J. Goll, from Harvard.
Note: Archeological Survey of McHenry County completed by Northwestern is now being finalized by Dr. Streuver. If you happen to find any other fossils, please contact the museum for identification and inclusion in this report if a new find.
Newspapers:
Woodstock Republican of July 20th and August 3rd, 1917; The Woodstock Daily American of August 29, 1918. All these were found in an old barn in Ringwood and donated by Orville W. Gullong, Sr. Algonquin. Interesting to note in papers were names of many men called to service in World War I.

Company Donations

Thanks to the following companies for pegboard donations recently made and already applied to the walls:

McHenry County Farm Service Inc., Marengo.
Hall & Eckert Lumber Co., Woodstock.
Alexander Lumber Co., McHenry.
J.H. Patterson Co., Marengo

Thanks again.

Membership Dues & Donations

Please keep these funds flowing! With the heavy burden of renovating expenses we are rapidly depleting our funds. Until we are able to command a constant flow of public walk-in donations when the museum is open to the public, we are still relying on membership dues and donations. If you cannot make a cash donation please consider making a time and effort donation so that we can be open to the public this year. HELP! HELP! Call 923-2267 to volunteer.

MUSEUM BUILDING PROGRESS - IN & OUT

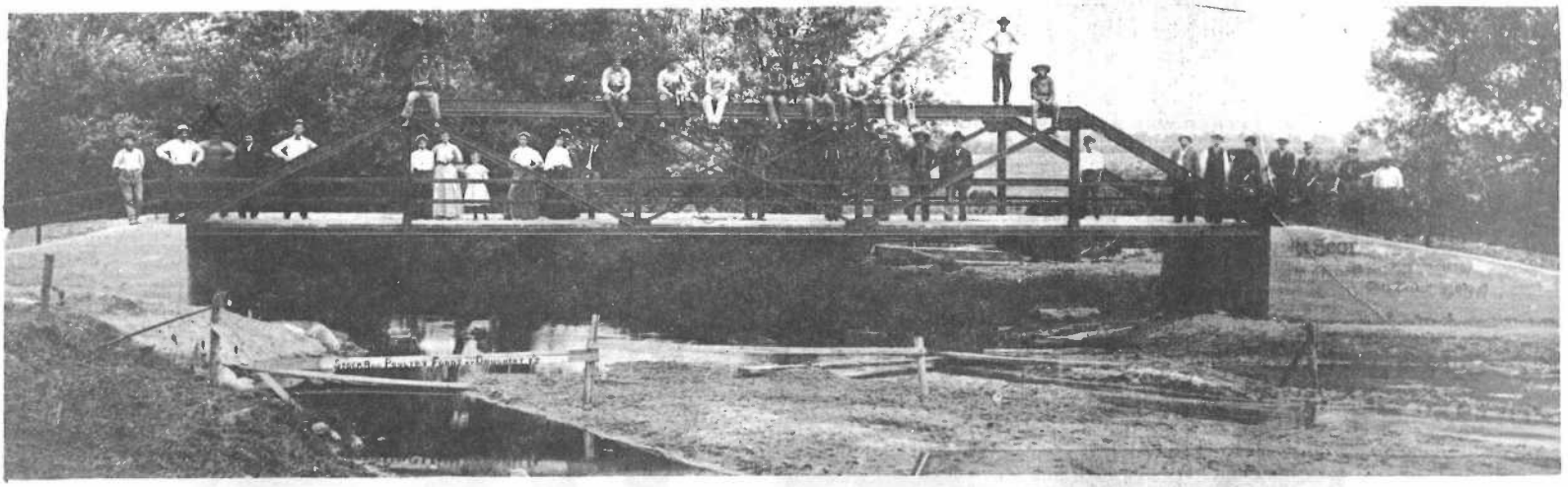
The main exhibition hall east side window bank has been plastic sheeted to conserve heat.
The two south side 2nd. floor rooms were recently completed with new walls, electrical outlets, lighting and ceiling cover. Volunteers (Alvin Maidek and Otis Cripe) and others soon after decorated these rooms and moved in showcases and other display furniture.
Pegboard sheeting was put into place on the upper walls of the north and west main exhibition hall. These will soon be painted with an appropriate background color to set off the smaller farm implements and other less weighty display items.
To avoid harm or damage to life or property, it was necessary to remove a large tree from the front of the building. Cost: $350.00.
With the roofing being recently completed at a cost of $9,000.00, the outside is still awaiting the arrival and installation of the front 2nd floor fire escape. Surprise! It is up now.

McHenry City Realtors Assoc. Donation Pledge

The Association has made a pledge to donate $5,000.00 over the next five (5) years for use in renovating and preparing one room on the second floor. This room is planned to be the school room. As recently revealed in the news media, the C.R.A. has already contributed $1,000.00 toward this pledge. Thank you C.R.A.!

Tracings

Have you seen or know where to find:
1. A Sparkle Plenty Doll as featured in Chester Gould's Dick Tracy Cartoon?
2. Wall mount telephones with hand crank and bells attached?
3. A high-wheeler bicycle?
4. Old fashioned ice box - so called before electric refrigeration.
5. A coal scuttle - with some lumps of coal! Believe it or not many school children do not know the looks or feel of coal.
6. Help, help - we need advice on how to put our 2 looms in condition to be used for demonstrating the weaving process.
7. Old-fashion kitchen cabinet with flour sifter.
8. Old-fashion china cabinet for dining room.



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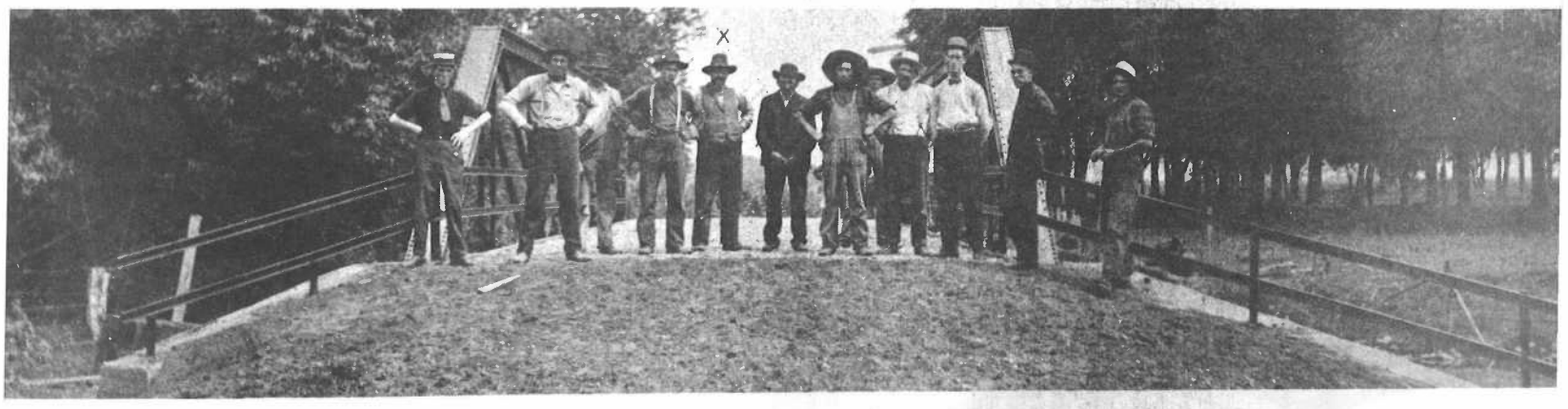

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Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Vroomen - Golden Wedding Ann. - June 27, 1905

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